

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 29-37 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, and claims 38-40 are objected to.

Claims 29, 33, 35 and 38-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Wilhelm in view of the patent to Frimley.

Claims 30-32 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over the patent to Wilhelm in view of the patents to Frimley and Yang.

At the same time the Examiner indicated claims 34 and 36 are allowable over the art.

With the present Amendment applicants have amended claims 34 and 36 to bring them in independent form and retained claim 35 to be dependent on claim 34.

Also, in making claims 34 and 36 allowable, applicant has amended the corresponding portions of claim 1 as required by the Examiner.

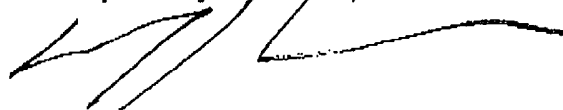
It is believed that claims 34, 35 and 36 are now in allowable condition.

The other claims have been canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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